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LETTER DATED 31 MAY 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a letter dated 30 May 1994 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan, Mr. Hassan A. Hassanov, addressed to you (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yashar T. ALIYEV
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

[Original: Russian]

Letter dated 30 May 1994 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan addressed to the President of the Security Council

On 27 May 1994, units of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia, forcing their way across the State frontier of the Azerbaijani Republic, suddenly attacked Azerbaijani army posts close to the village of Gyunnut, in the Sharur district of the Nakhichevan Autonomous Republic.

The attack by the Armenian units was supported by artillery and armoured vehicles. As a result of this predatory incursion, four Azerbaijani servicemen were killed and three wounded. Two soldiers of the Azerbaijani army were taken hostage and carried off into Armenian territory, where, after being savagely tortured, they were murdered.

This latest villainous attack by armed forces of the Republic of Armenia was carried out hundreds of kilometres away from the Nagorny Karabakh region of the Azerbaijani Republic at a time when the Azerbaijani side is observing the cease-fire agreement and when consultations are under way within the framework of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe with the aim of working out mutually acceptable means of reaching a political settlement of the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict.

The aggressive, unprovoked attack by armed forces of the Republic of Armenia and the bestial killing of the Azerbaijani service personnel and hostages constitute a flagrant violation of the universally accepted norms of international law and of the 1949 Geneva Conventions concerning the protection of victims of armed conflicts. It is a cynical challenge to world public opinion.

We appeal to the United Nations, the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and other authoritative international organizations to condemn this most recent piratical attack by armed forces of the Republic of Armenia and to take effective measures to halt the aggression of the Republic of Armenia against the Azerbaijani Republic.

(Signed) H. HASSANOV